

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #: HB0020**

**Title: Multispecies fish hatchery at Fort Peck**

**Primary**

**Sponsor: Sam Kitzenberg**

**Status: As introduced/revised**

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dave Lewis, Budget Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY2000</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY2001</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>		<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact	X		Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget	X		Significant Long-Term Impacts

## ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Fish, Wildlife and Parks will enter into a long-term lease with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build and operate a multispecies fish hatchery below Fort Peck Dam.
2. Land will be available through the US Army Corps of Engineers and there will be adequate area to hold all functional elements to effectively operate a hatchery.
3. Revenue to construct, operate, staff, and maintain this facility will be generated from the sales of a proposed warm water fish stamp (HB26).

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4. The quantity and quality of water necessary to operate the proposed hatchery will be available with all appropriate water rights for the life of the facility.
5. A construction cost estimate by Interstate Engineering done at the request of Walleye Unlimited is \$12,775,000. Cost estimates based on recent construction of Miles City, Giant Springs, Washoe Park and Big Springs hatcheries indicate the cost could be as high as \$14,640,000.
6. It is intended that the hatchery be constructed in stages as revenue becomes available in the warm water game fish account established in HB26.
7. The warm water fish stamp will not be available until license year 2000 (beginning March 1, 2000). This funding source will not generate sufficient revenue to allow any capital expenditures, such as initial design or engineering studies, to begin during the 2001 biennium.
8. Expenditures for engineering, environmental compliance and construction of the hatchery will occur in future years as revenue from the sale of the warm water fish stamp becomes available.
9. Full staffing would not be needed until the facility is operational.
10. The facility will be appropriately staffed to operate and maintain the hatchery at the level contemplated in the legislation.
11. The new facility will be functionally comparable to the Miles City Hatchery plus incorporate any additional items that are needed to make the Fort Peck proposal work.